

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original): A subterranean tank assembly for storing liquid below grade, said tank assembly comprising:

a vessel having a vessel wall of molded synthetic resin material defining a liquid-receiving chamber therein and at least one portal projecting generally upwardly from the vessel wall and presenting an opening for gaining access to the chamber, said portal including a rim having a substantially horizontal circumferentially extending closure surface in surrounding relationship to the opening;

a cover of synthetic resin material; and

a riser of synthetic resin material positioned intermediate said rim and said cover, said riser being substantially tubular and presenting a normally upright longitudinal axis and including a normally bottommost connector portion adapted for coupling to said rim, a normally topmost connector portion adapted for coupling to said cover, at least one continuous and uninterrupted cylindrical riser wall, and a plurality of axially spaced continuous and circumscribing ribs positioned radially outward of said riser wall, each of said ribs including a pair of substantially horizontal flanges radially oriented in a plane transverse to the longitudinal axis of the riser and connecting said ribs to said riser wall, said flanges each being complementally sized and configured relative to said rim whereby said a circumscribing cut through one of said ribs or said riser wall adjacent said flange will reduce the longitudinal length of said riser and whereby

the remaining, normally bottommost flange of the riser may be coupled to the rim in sealing engagement.

Claim 2 (Original): A subterranean tank assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said cover includes an interior wall surface having at least one lug oriented substantially radially inwardly and said rim includes an outer wall surface having at least one recess complementally configured to receive said lug.

Claim 3 (Original): A subterranean tank assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said rim includes a circumferentially extending elastomeric seal surrounding said opening and positioned for engagement with either said bottommost connector portion or, when said bottommost connector portion has been removed from said riser, the bottommost flange of the riser.

Claim 4 (Original): A subterranean tank assembly as set forth in claim 3, wherein said rim includes a circumferentially extending slot for receiving a part of said seal therein.

Claims 5-20 (Withdrawn).